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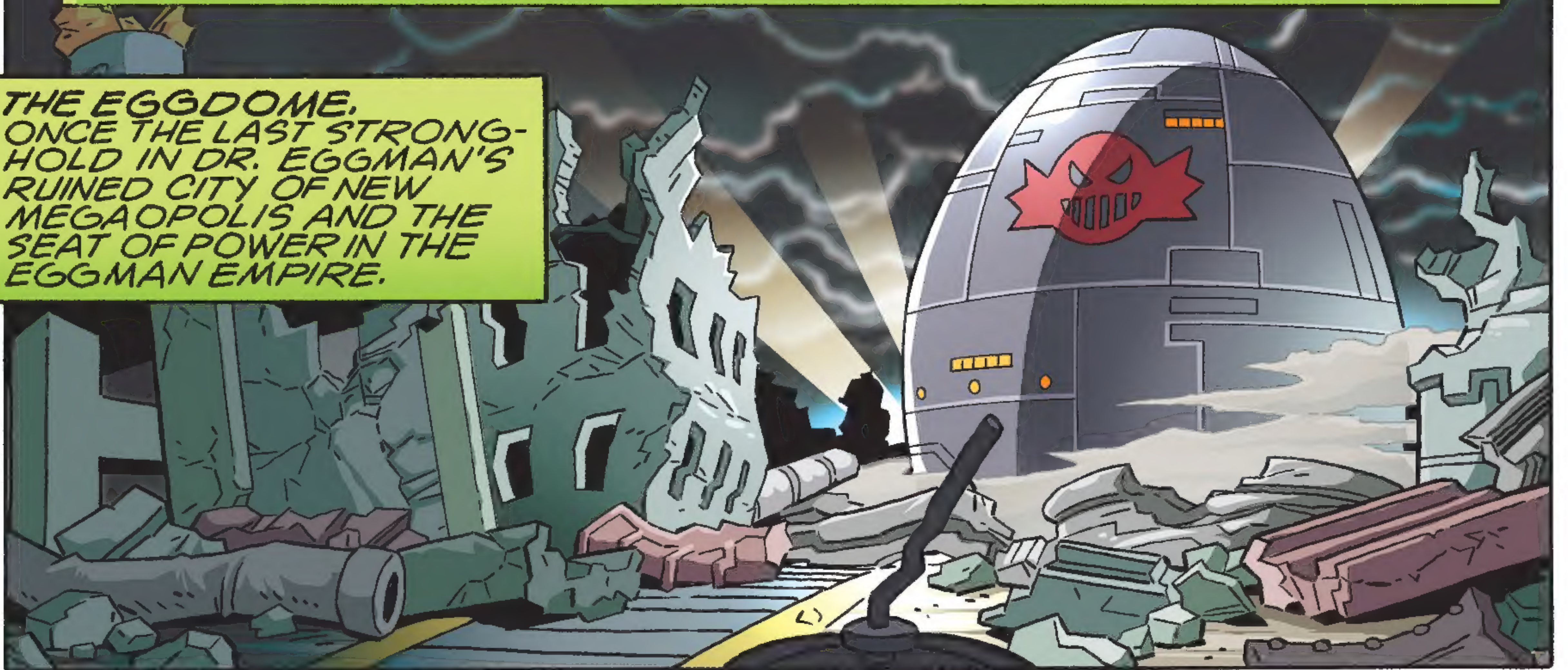
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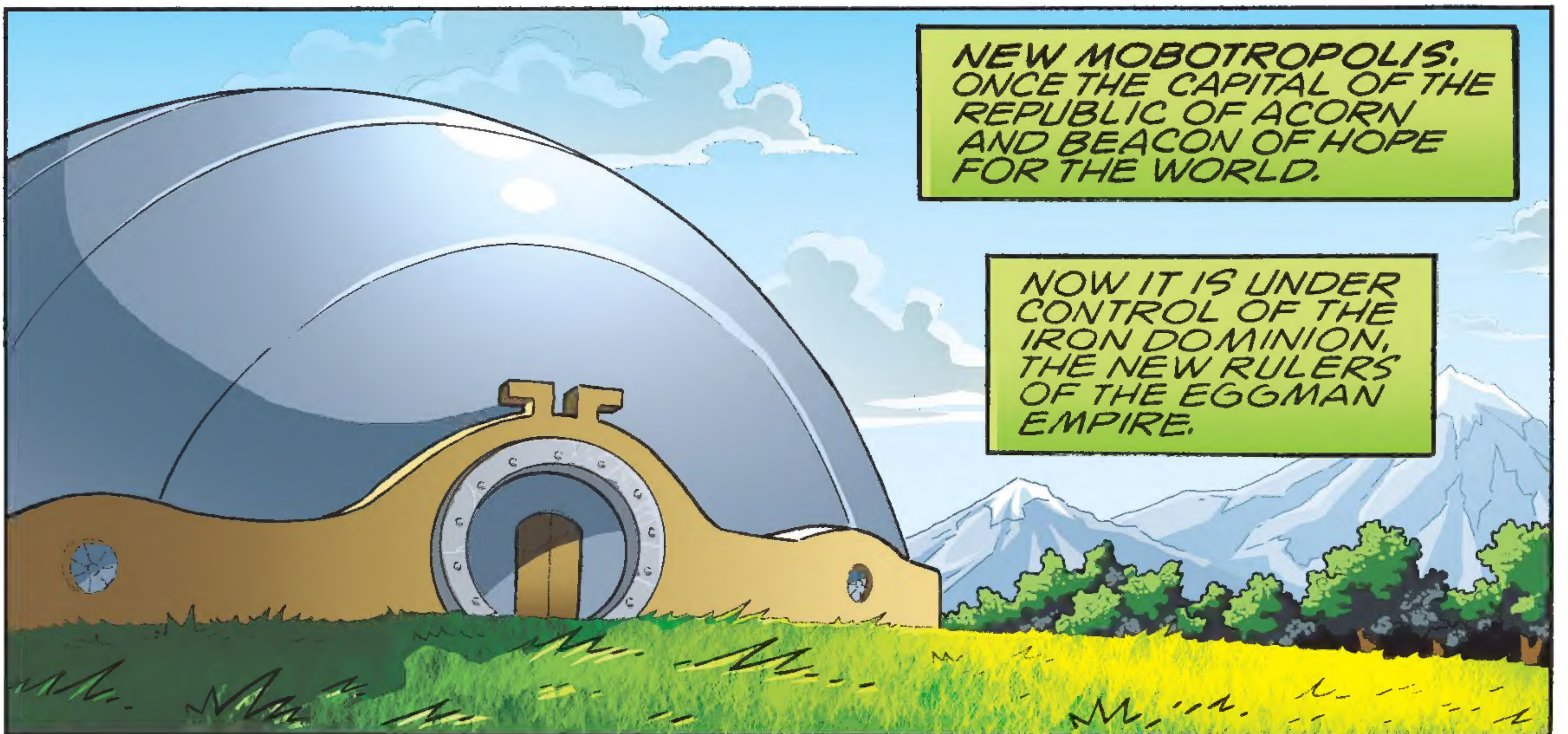
WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS- A WORLD BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE **SEGA** GAMES! ...WHERE **SONIC** AND THE HEROIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS WORK TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM THE FORCES OF EVIL!

THE EGGDOME,
ONCE THE LAST STRONG-
HOLD IN DR. EGGMAN'S
RUINED CITY OF NEW
MEGAOPOLIS AND THE
SEAT OF POWER IN THE
EGGMAN EMPIRE.



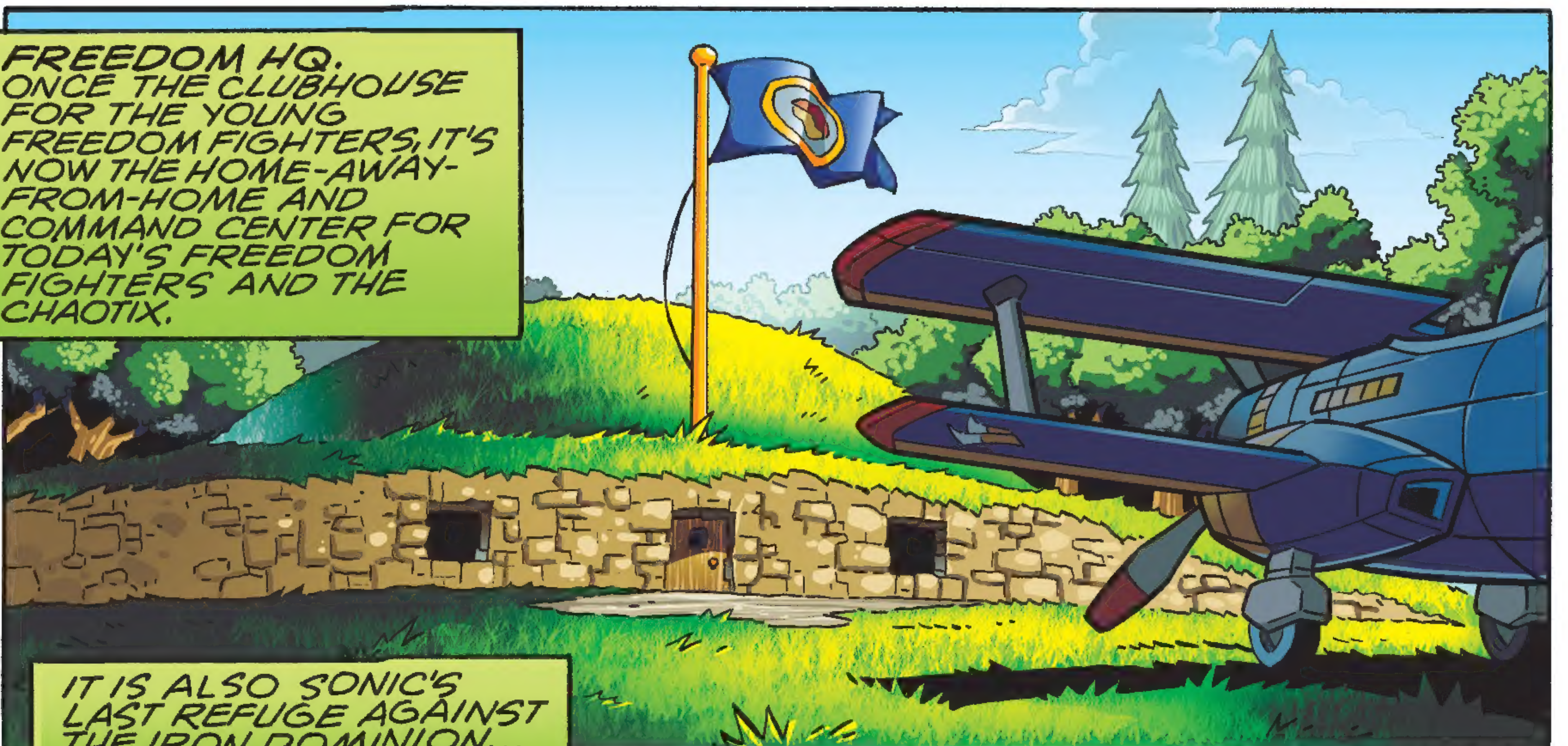
NEW MOBOTROPOLIS,
ONCE THE CAPITAL OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ACORN
AND BEACON OF HOPE
FOR THE WORLD.

NOW IT IS UNDER
CONTROL OF THE
IRON DOMINION,
THE NEW RULERS
OF THE EGGMAN
EMPIRE.



FREEDOM HQ,
ONCE THE CLUBHOUSE
FOR THE YOUNG
FREEDOM FIGHTERS, IT'S
NOW THE HOME-AWAY-
FROM-HOME AND
COMMAND CENTER FOR
TODAY'S FREEDOM
FIGHTERS AND THE
CHAOTIX.

IT IS ALSO SONIC'S
LAST REFUGE AGAINST
THE IRON DOMINION...



IRON DOMINION

PART 2



SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
Hero of Mobius



REGINA FERRUM
The Iron Queen



SALLY ACORN
Princess & Field Leader



IRON NICOLE
"Brainwashed" A.I.



MONKEY KHAN
Cyborg Simian



SNIVELY ROBOTNIK
Eggman's Nephew

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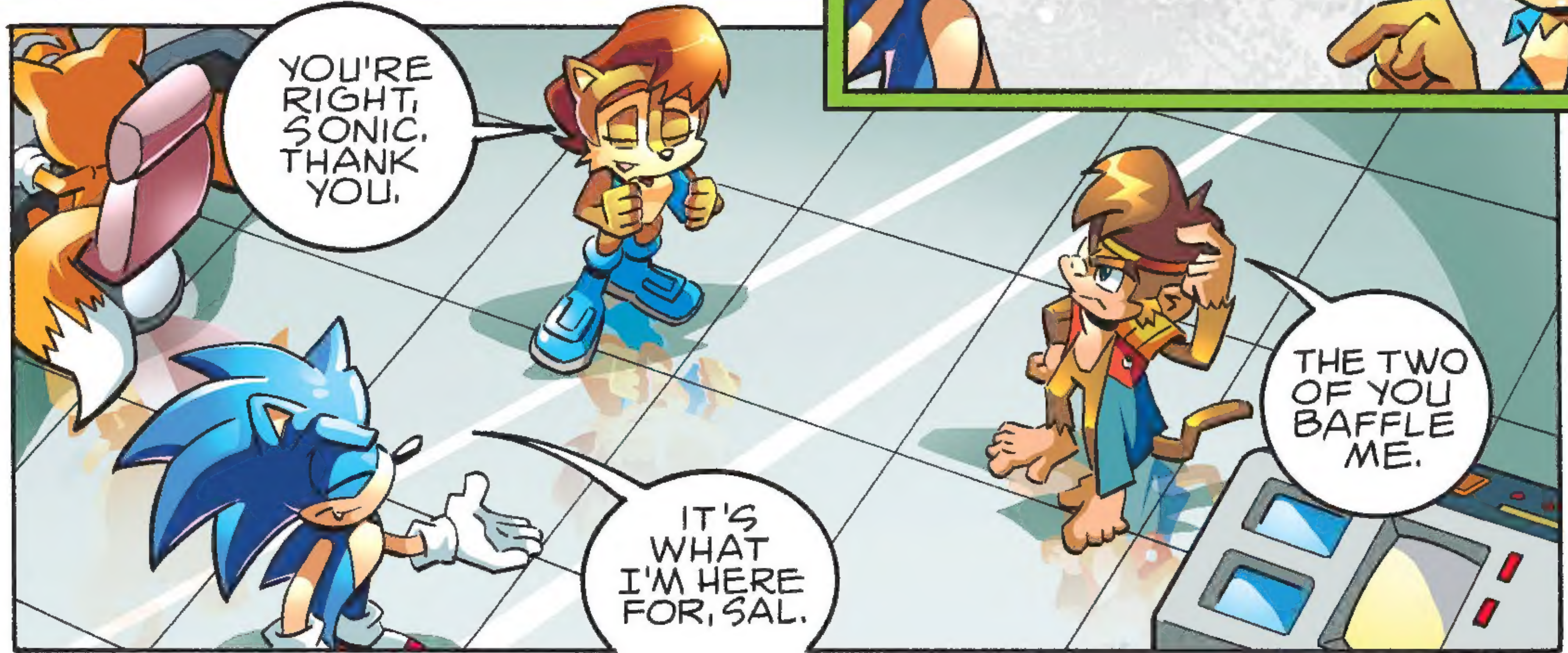
NO, YOU DIDN'T PUT THE PIECES TOGETHER. NEITHER DID ANYONE ELSE. I'VE BEEN FIGHTING THE IRON DOMINION FOR MONTHS, AND I DIDN'T MAKE THE CONNECTION. YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN THIS.

THAT, AND YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE WE'VE ALREADY LOST. DID YOU FORGET **WE** ESCAPED? MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT **I** ESCAPED? WE'VE COME BACK FROM WAY WORSE THAN THIS, SAL.



SO STOP WALLOWING IN SELF-PITY AND START COMING UP WITH A PLAN!

I AM **NOT** WALLOWING IN SELF--



YOU'RE RIGHT, SONIC. THANK YOU.

IT'S WHAT I'M HERE FOR, SAL.

THE TWO OF YOU BAFFLE ME.

DON'T TRY TO FIGURE IT OUT, MAN. IT'S SOMETHING THAT COMES FROM **SERIOUS RELATIONSHIPS** OVER TIME.



AH, I'M SURE I'LL FIND THAT OUT MYSELF.

ANY PROGRESS HACKING INTO THE CITY'S MAIN-FRAME?

NO WAY! NICOLE JUST CANNOT BE HACKED! I CAN ALMOST KEEP UP WITH HER IN MY HEAD, BUT I JUST CAN'T TYPE THAT FAST.



IF SPEED'S THE ISSUE, WHY DON'T WE USE THAT DIGITIZER-THING WE USED TO ACCESS GERALD'S DIARY?*



THE PARTICLE-TO-LIGHT ORGANIZER AND TRANSPORTER DEVICE! THAT'D BE PERFECT!

*BACK IN STH # 171.

I'LL GET EVERYTHING TO SET IT UP!

CARE TO FILL ME IN?

WE DIGITIZE OURSELVES AND TAILS CAN UP-LOAD US DIRECTLY INTO THE CITY'S COMPUTER! THEN WE CAN DO OUR THING JUST AS IF WE WERE IN THE REAL WORLD.





IT'S A PLAN, AT LEAST. ALL RIGHT-- LET'S DO IT!



AS MUCH AS I LIKE TAKING THE DIRECT ROUTE, IS THAT EVEN REMOTELY SAFE?



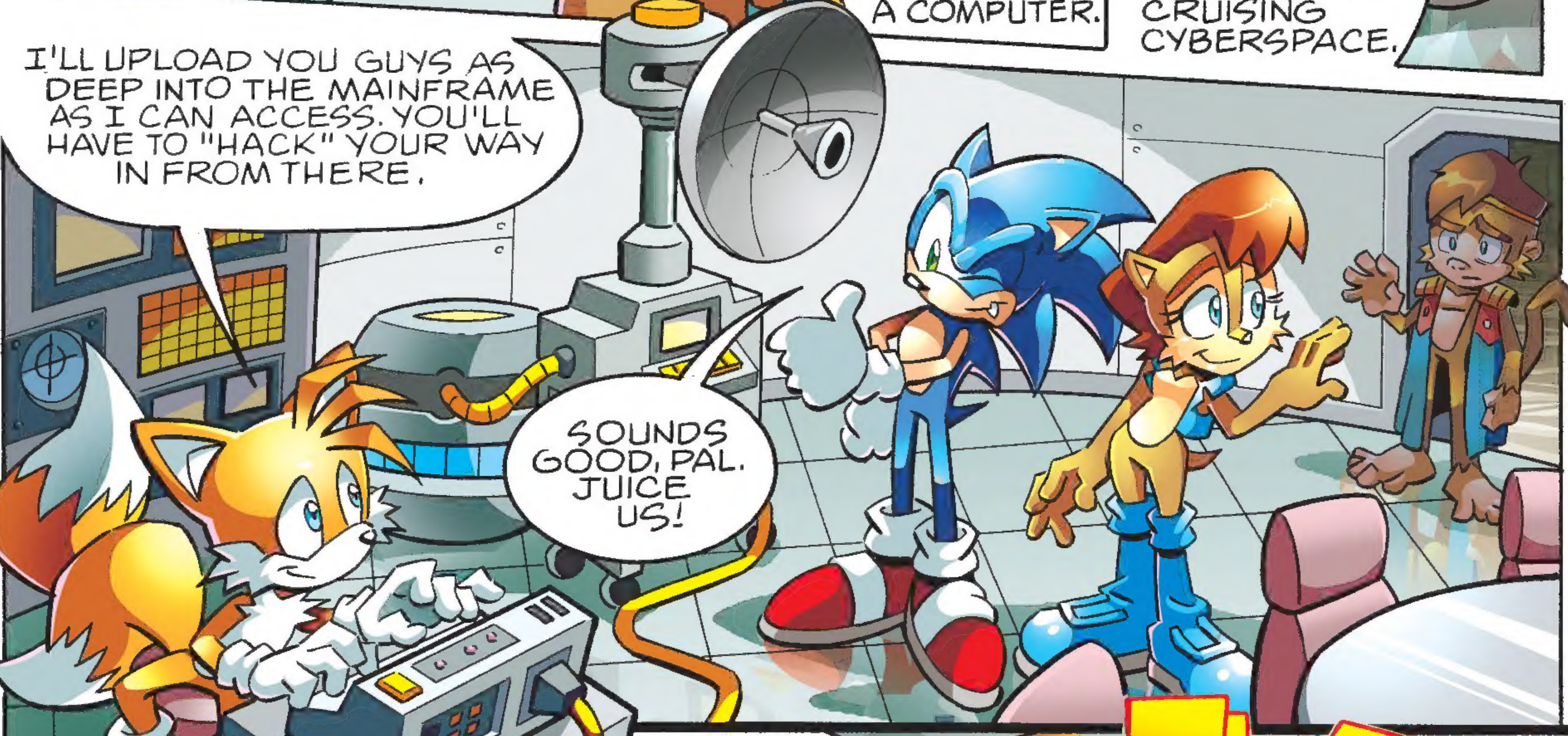
NO, PROBABLY NOT. AND SOMETHING THIS BRAZEN IS BOUND TO GET THE IRON QUEEN'S ATTENTION. WATCH OVER US WHILE WE'RE GONE?

BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO WORK A COMPUTER.



SHE MEANS THE BASE, BANANA-BRAINS! TAILS WILL MONITOR US WHILE WE'RE CRUISING CYBERSPACE.

I'LL UPLOAD YOU GUYS AS DEEP INTO THE MAINFRAME AS I CAN ACCESS. YOU'LL HAVE TO "HACK" YOUR WAY IN FROM THERE.



SOUNDS GOOD, PAL. JUICE US!



DIGITIZING!

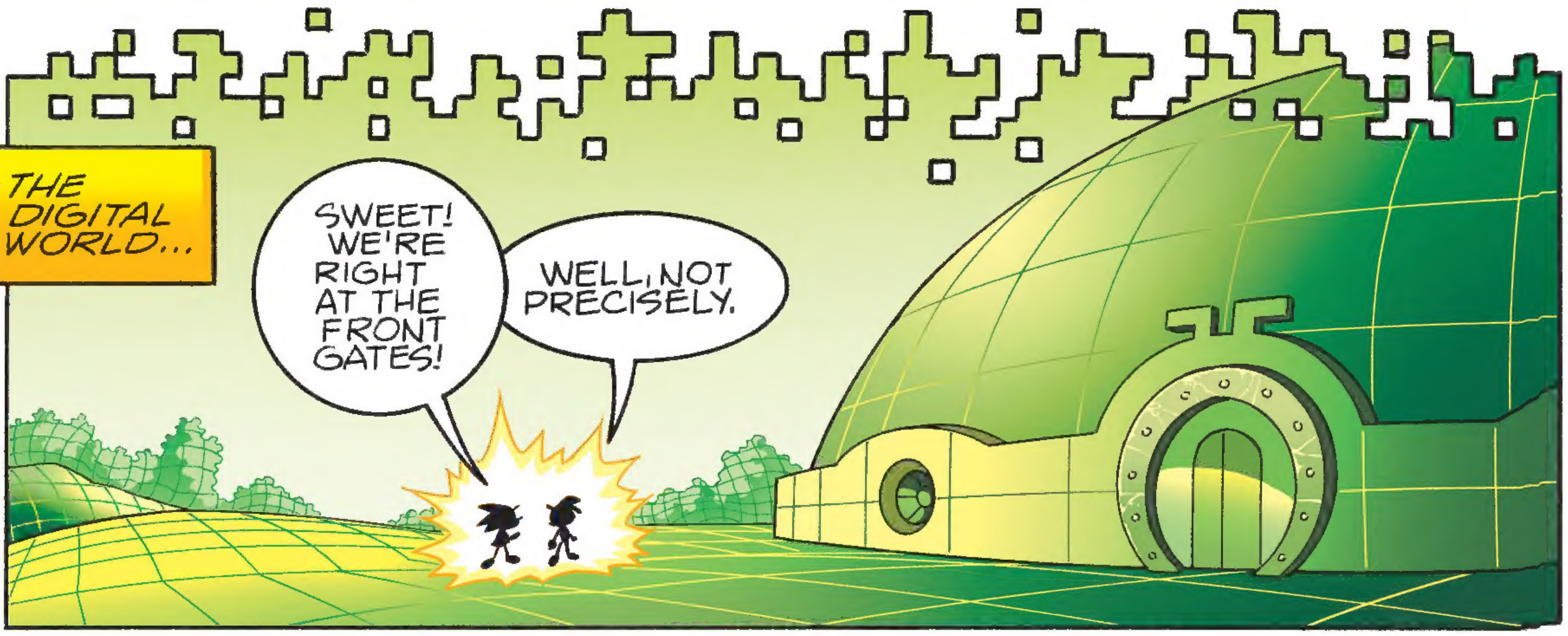
FWASH

THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY...

THE DIGITAL WORLD...

SWEET! WE'RE RIGHT AT THE FRONT GATES!

WELL, NOT PRECISELY.



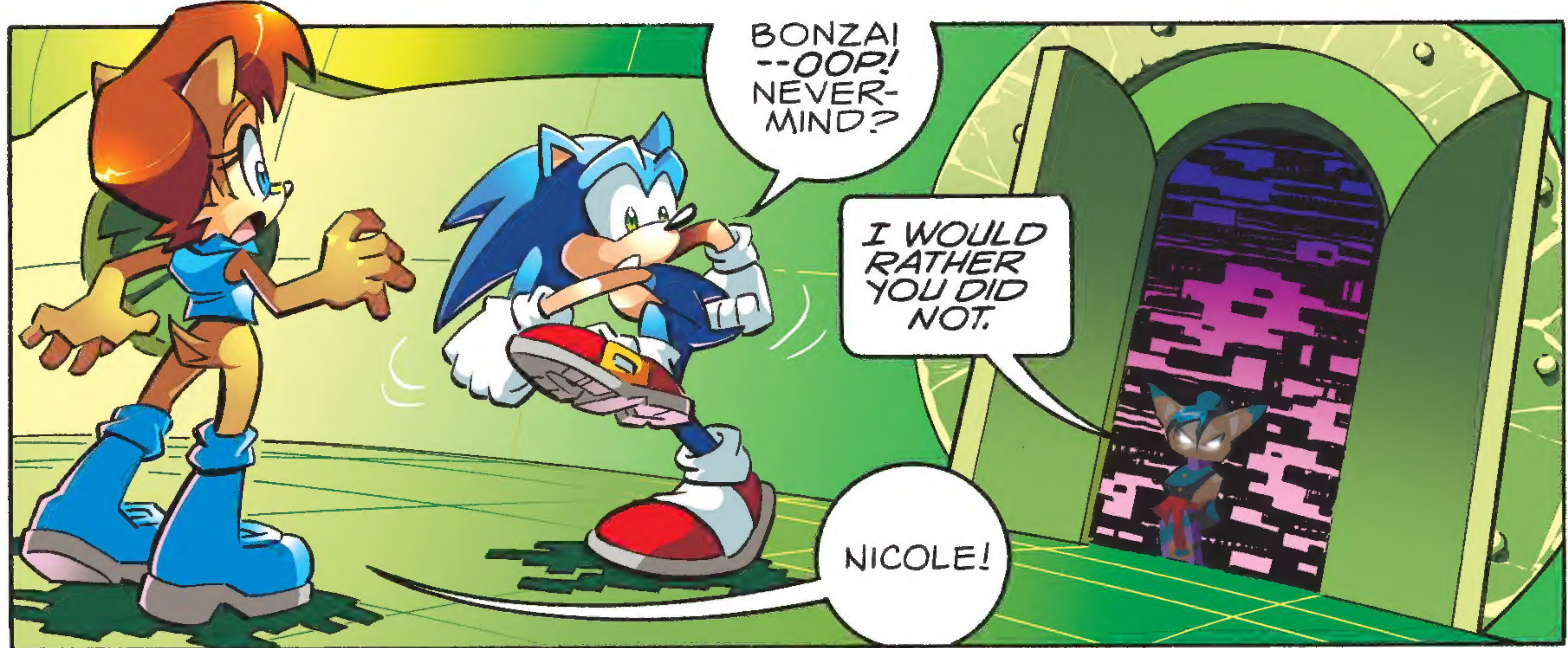
BUT... I SEE GATES.

IF WE'VE BEEN DIGITIZED, THEN THIS IS JUST HOW WE'RE PERCEIVING THE DEFENSIVE MEASURES NICOLE HAS PUT UP AGAINST US.



LOOK, LET'S KEEP THIS SIMPLE, OKAY? I'M GOING TO "PERCEIVE" ME SPIN-DASHING THAT GATE INTO LITTLE "PERCEIVED" BITS.

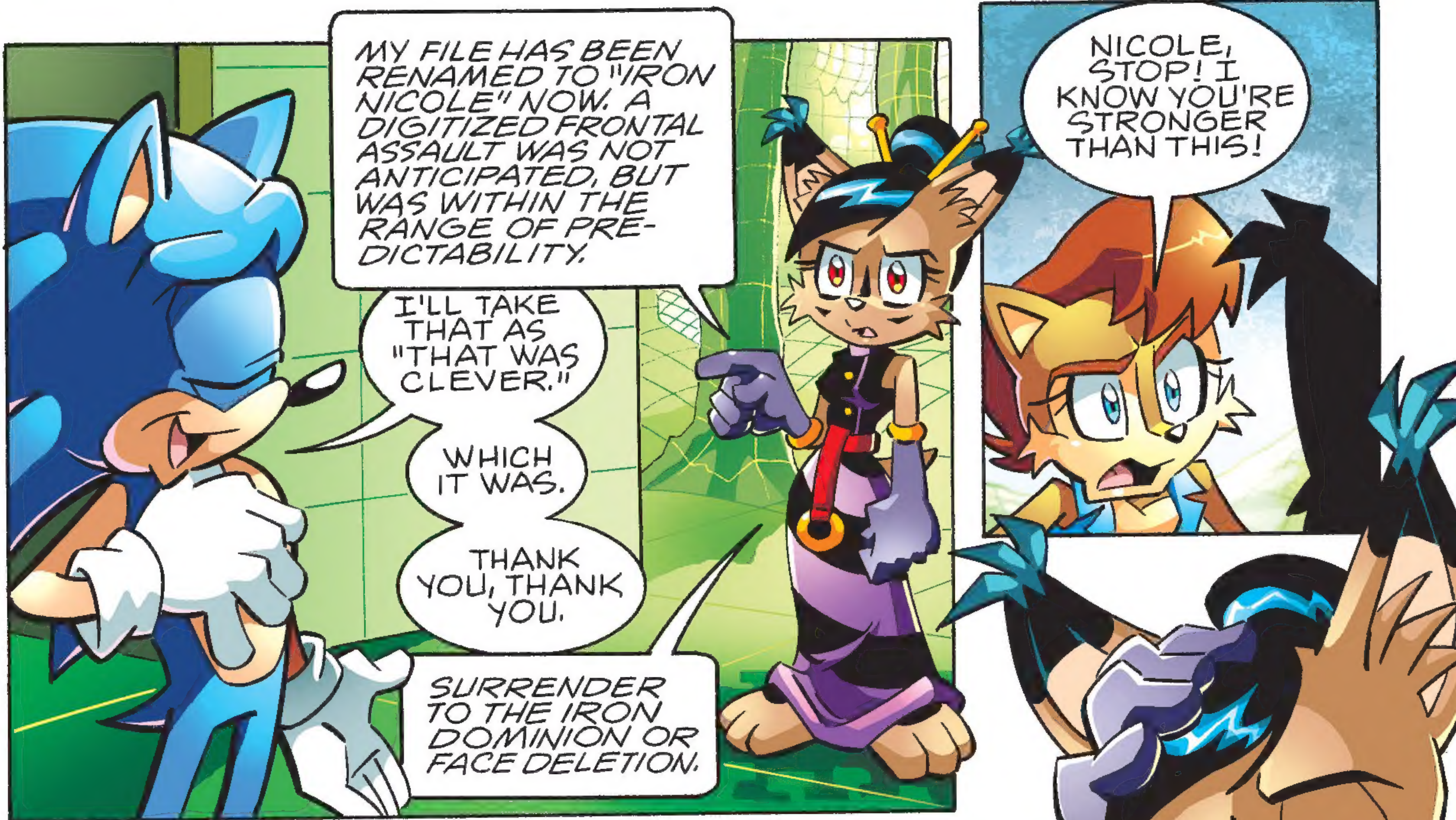
BE MY GUEST.



BONZAI --OOP! NEVER-MIND?

I WOULD RATHER YOU DID NOT.

NICOLE!



MY FILE HAS BEEN RENAMED TO "IRON NICOLE" NOW. A DIGITIZED FRONTAL ASSAULT WAS NOT ANTICIPATED, BUT WAS WITHIN THE RANGE OF PREDICTABILITY.

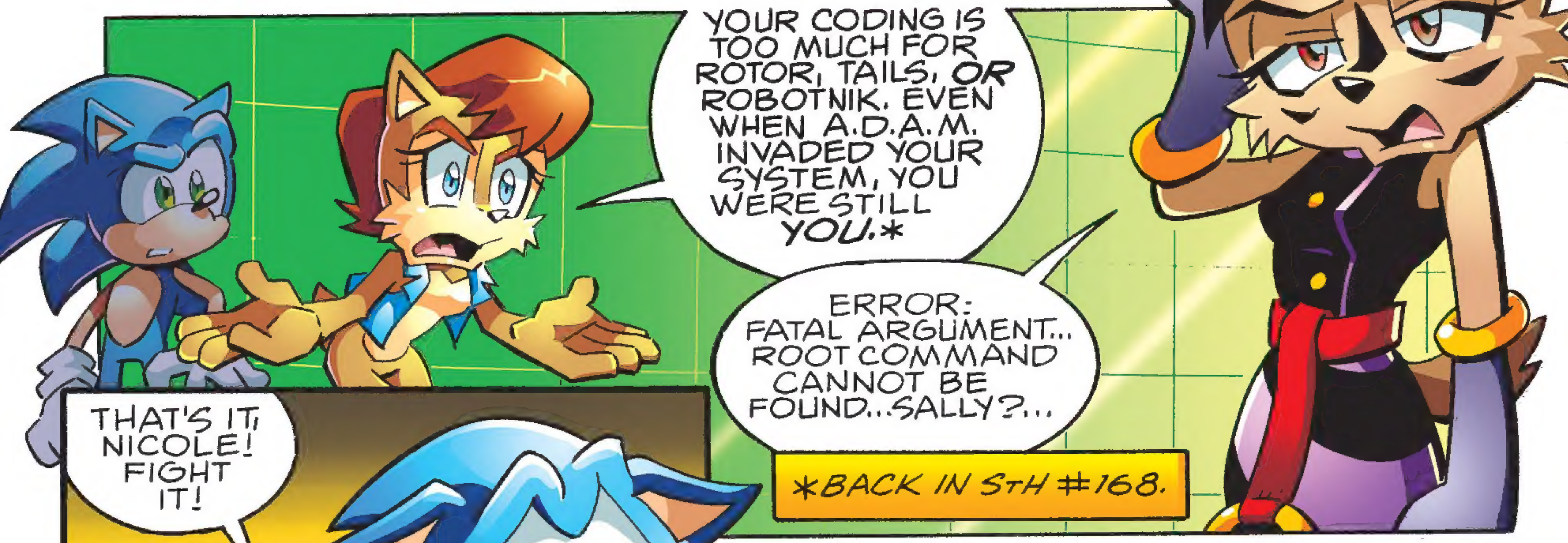
I'LL TAKE THAT AS "THAT WAS CLEVER."

WHICH IT WAS.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

SURRENDER TO THE IRON DOMINION OR FACE DELETION.

NICOLE, STOP! I KNOW YOU'RE STRONGER THAN THIS!



YOUR CODING IS TOO MUCH FOR ROTOR, TAILS, OR ROBOTNIK. EVEN WHEN A.D.A.M. INVADDED YOUR SYSTEM, YOU WERE STILL YOU.*

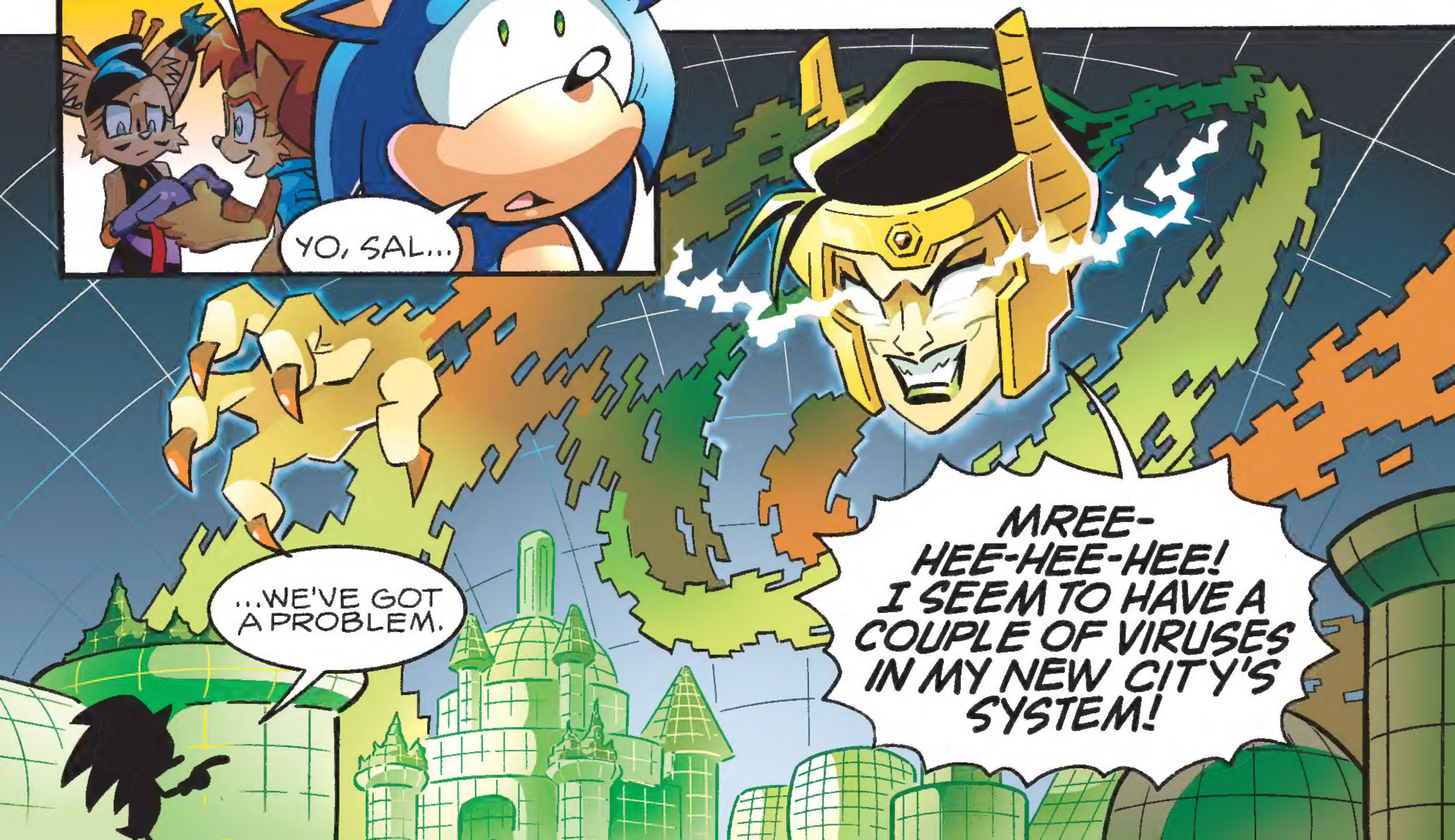
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*BACK IN STH #168.

THAT'S IT, NICOLE! FIGHT IT!

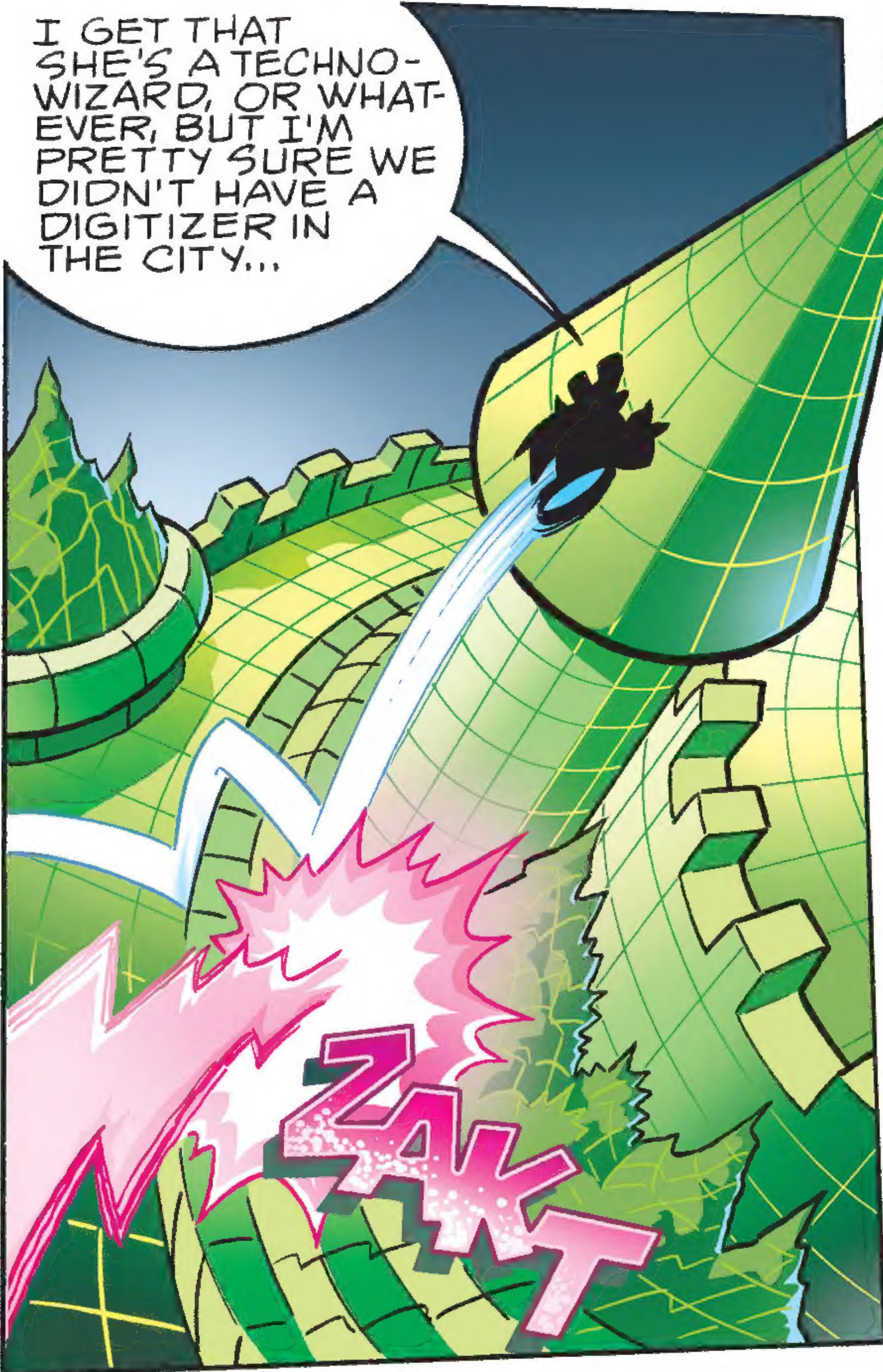
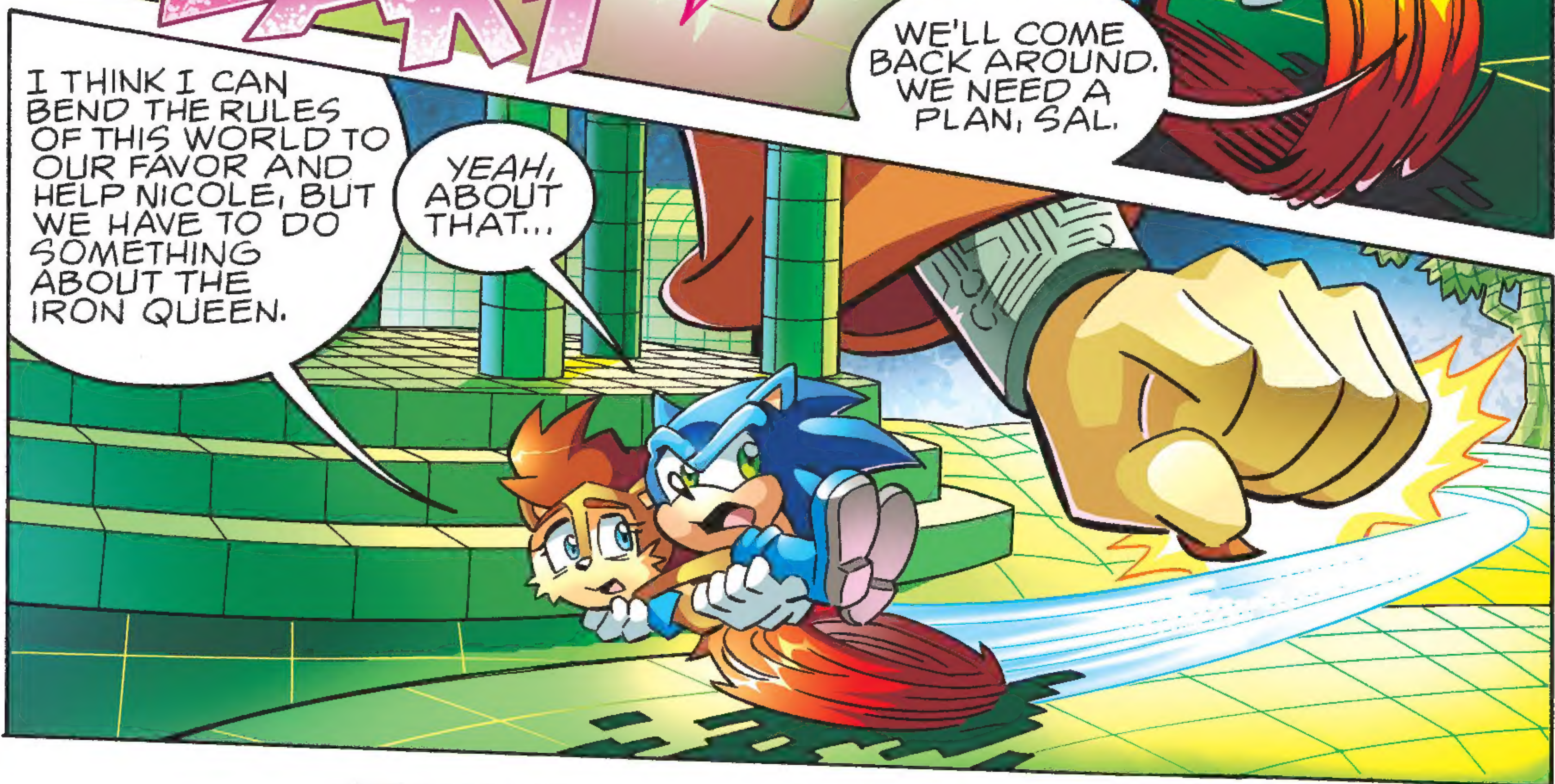


YO, SAL...



...WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM.

MREE-HEE-HEE-HEE! I SEEM TO HAVE A COUPLE OF VIRUSES IN MY NEW CITY'S SYSTEM!



CASTLE
ACORN
--THE
REAL
WORLD.

MREE-
HEE-HEE-
HEE! RUN-
RUN-RUN,
YOU LITTLE
BUGS!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON? I
CAN'T
SEE!

DON'T BOTHER
ME RIGHT NOW!
I'M BUSY!

HMPH!

AW, IS LITTLE
SNIVY-KINS NOT
GETTING ALL THE
ATTENTION HE
NEEDS?

WATCH
YOUR TONE,
LIEN-DA,
YOU MAY BE
GRAND-
MASTER
NOW, BUT
YOU STILL
ANSWER
TO ME.

OF
COURSE,
FORGIVE
ME.

WHATEVER.
STATUS
REPORT?

THE IRON KING IS
HAVING A MERRY TIME
SMASHING THE CITY AND
ANYONE RESISTING US.
THE YAGYU AND MY
LEGIONNAIRES...

...ARE
ROUNDING
UP ANYONE
THEY FIND...

"...AND LOCKING THEM UP, JUST LIKE YOUR UNCLE."

DETENTION CENTER...

SIR CHARLES! IT'S BEEN AGES! TELL ME-- HOW IS THAT "ROBOT-SIZER" OF YOURS COMING ALONG?

GIVE IT A REST, EGGMAN! CRAZY OR NOT, I'VE GOT NO PATIENCE--

--FOR YOUR BABBLING!

HISS!

YEAH, YEAH! I'M MOVING.

"EGGMAN?" THAT USED TO BE SOMETHING SOMEONE TEASED ME ABOUT... BUT I TURNED IT AROUND AND NAMED SOMETHING AFTER IT...

I USED TO GO BY "JULIAN," BUT IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE THEN, HASN'T IT? I GO BY "ROBOTNIK" NOW, AND SOMETIMES... "EGGMAN!"

...OF MY EGGMAN EMPIRE...

DIGITAL WORLD...

ALL RIGHT, I'LL SEE IF I CAN DISTRACT IRON QUIRK WHILE YOU DO YOUR THING.

RIGHT, BE CAREFUL!



HA! WHERE'S THE FUN IN BEING "CAREFUL"....?

GET READY FOR A SUPER-SONIC BLACK EYE, QUEENIE!

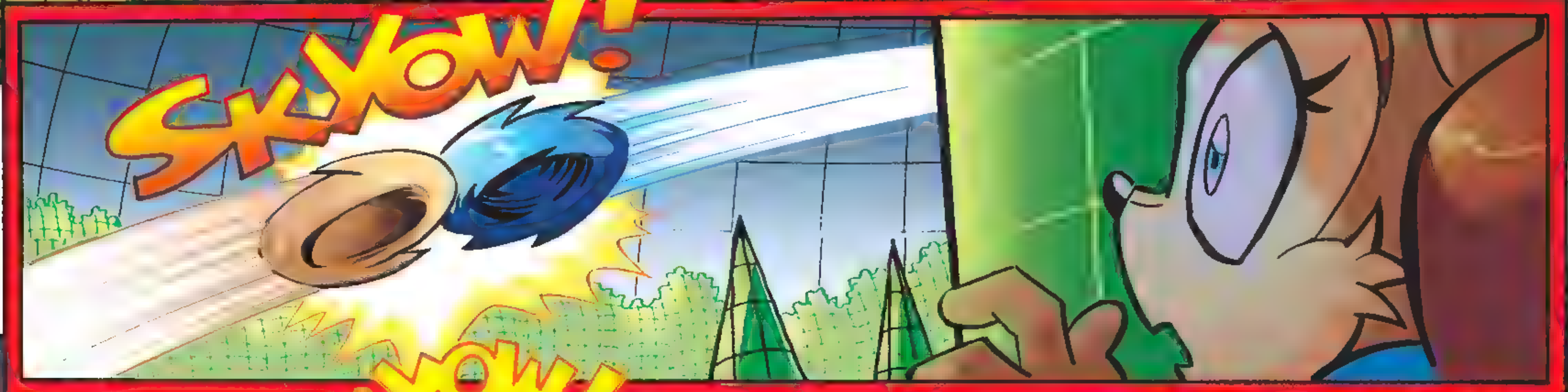


NO WAY!



THIS IS MY DOMAIN. I AM WITHOUT LIMITATIONS HERE.

OH, YEAH?
LET'S SEE IF YOU
CAN REALLY MATCH
MY SONIC SPIN.



FREEDOM HQ--
THE REAL WORLD...

WHAT WAS THAT?!
A TON OF CODING
JUST FLASHED
ACROSS THE
SCREEN!

SONIC IS
FIGHTING
NICOLE'S
DEFENSIVE
PROGRAM-
MING. THIS
IS LOOKING
BAD...

ABOUT
NICOLE...
DOES SHE
PHYSICALLY
EXIST IN THE
CITY?

SORT OF. THE BULK OF
HER CODE WAS UP-
LOADED TO THE CITY'S
MAINFRAME SO SHE
COULD RUN THE
NANITES BETTER.

AND
WHERE
IS THAT
MAIN-
FRAME
?

IT'S SET BELOW
CASTLE ACORN, BUT
THERE'S AN ACCESS
TUNNEL THAT RUNS
FROM THE SCIENCE
CENTER. NOT LIKE
IT DOES US ANY
GOOD RIGHT
NOW.

NO, NO
GOOD CAN
BE DONE AT
THIS POINT.

...WAIT A
MINUTE...



KHAN!
WAIT!
WHERE
ARE
YOU
GOING
?!

TO
PUT
NICOLE
OUT
OF
HER
MISERY.



WHAT?!
YOU
CAN'T--!

I CAN, AND I
WILL, THE IRON
QUEEN USED ME
TO DESTROY THE
DRAGON KINGDOM'S
FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
I WON'T ALLOW
NICOLE TO SUFFER
THAT.



NO! SONIC
AND SALLY
WILL SAVE
HER!

I'M ONLY
ABOUT FIFTY-
PERCENT MECHANICAL,
AND THE IRON QUEEN
HAD TOTAL CONTROL
OVER ME! WHAT HOPE
DO YOU THINK A
FULLY ARTI-
FICIAL BEING
LIKE NICOLE
HAS?!



NO!



KID, THIS
ISN'T EASY
FOR ME,
EITHER, BUT
IT HAS TO
BE DONE!



NO IT DOESN'T!
WE'RE HEROES!
WE DO WHAT'S
RIGHT, EVEN
WHEN IT'S
HARD!

IT ISN'T A
MATTER OF BEING
"HARD," TAILS! THIS
IS IMPOSSIBLE!



WAS IT
IMPOSSIBLE TO
SAVE BUNNIE?
WAS IT IMPOSSIBLE
TO SAVE YOU?*

NO,
BUT...

NOTHING
IS
IMPOSSIBLE!

*STH #203-
204.



IF IT WAS REALLY SO
HOPELESS, WHY DID
YOU COME ALL THE
WAY HERE? WHY DON'T
YOU JUST ZAP ME
AND GET ON WITH IT?

I DON'T
WANT TO
HAVE TO
DESTROY
HER...



THEN WAIT AND
SEE WHAT SONIC
AND SALLY CAN
DO, OR DO YOU
NOT BELIEVE IN
THEM, EITHER?

YOU MAKE IT
SOUND LIKE IT'S
SO SIMPLE,
BUT IT'S...



THE DIGITAL WORLD...

ALL RIGHT...IF I APPLY ROTOR'S FIREWALL CODING AS IF I COULD "CAST" IT LIKE MAGIC...

SKYOW

FVMP

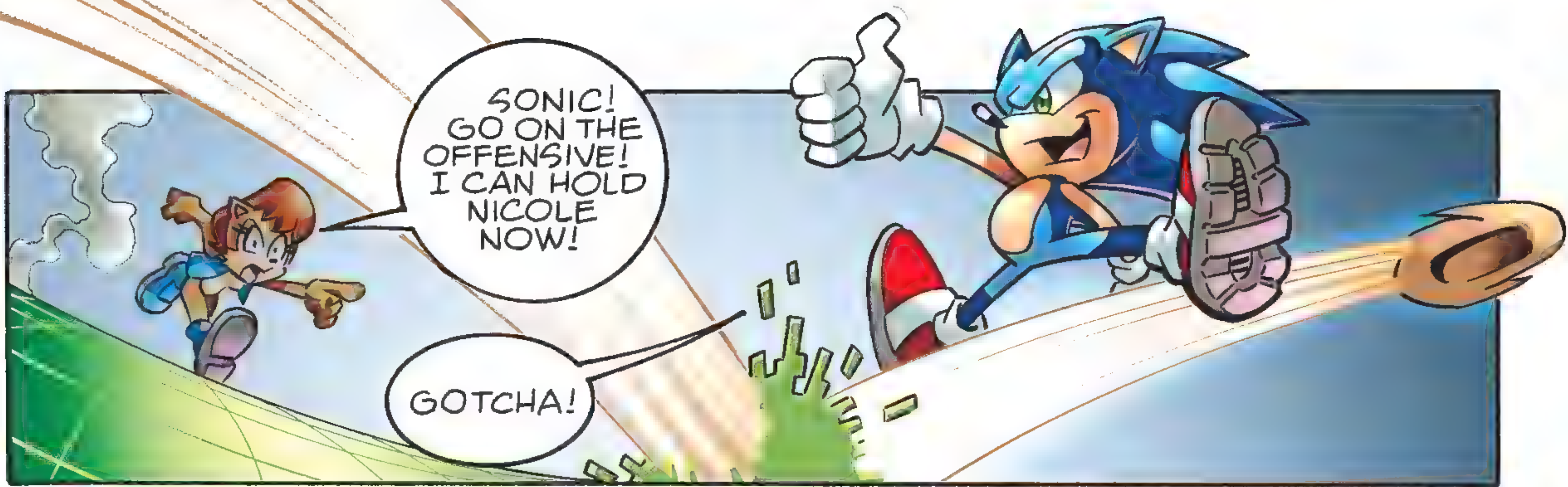
YES! NOW WE CAN MAKE SOME PROGRESS!

NAUGHTY LITTLE VIRUS, TRYING TO MAKE YOUR OWN FIREWALLS IN MY SYSTEM!

KRA-KOW

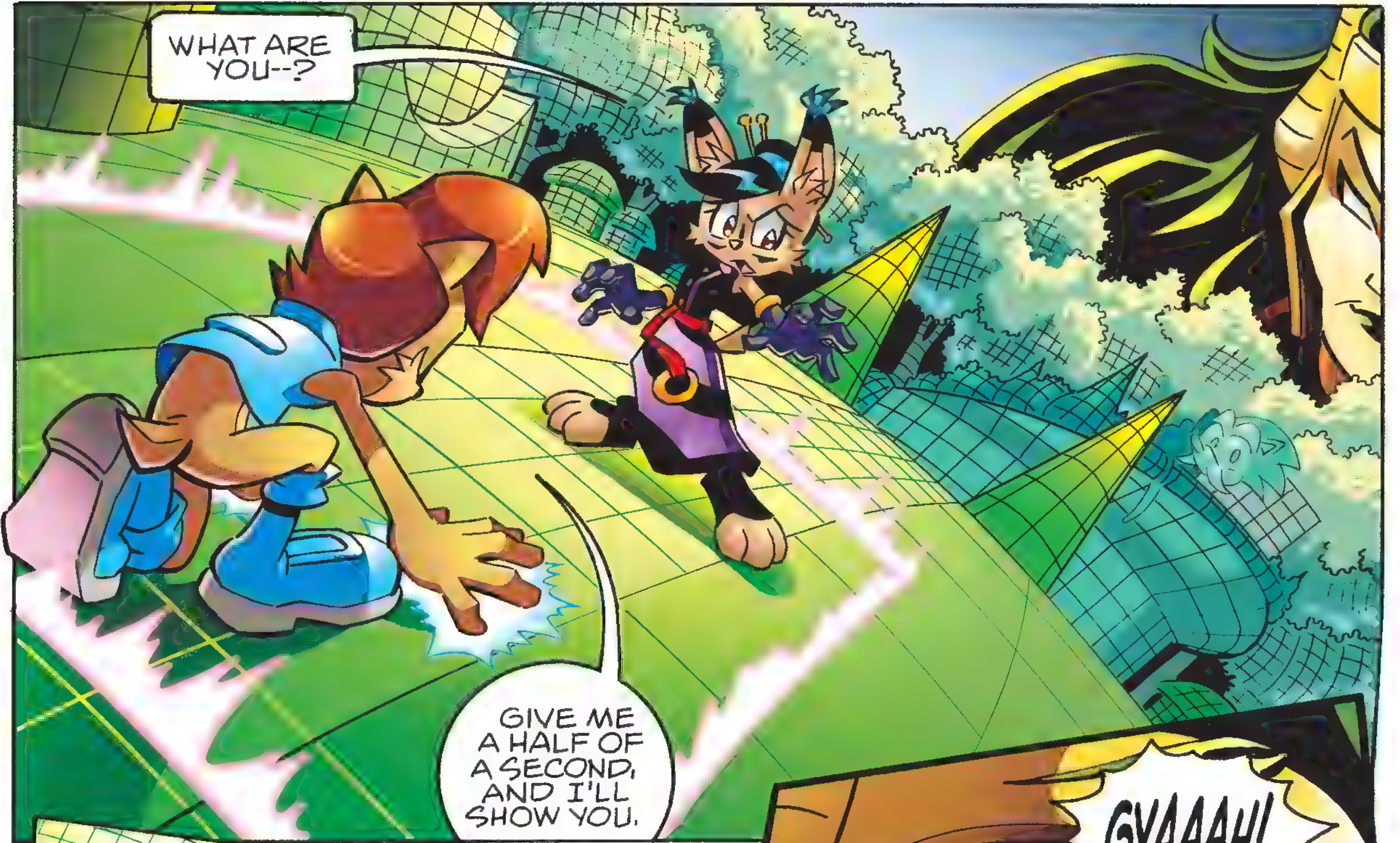
YIPE!





SONIC!
GO ON THE
OFFENSIVE!
I CAN HOLD
NICOLE
NOW!

GOTCHA!



WHAT ARE
YOU--?

GIVE ME
A HALF OF
A SECOND,
AND I'LL
SHOW YOU.



NOW,
LIKE I SAID
BEFORE...

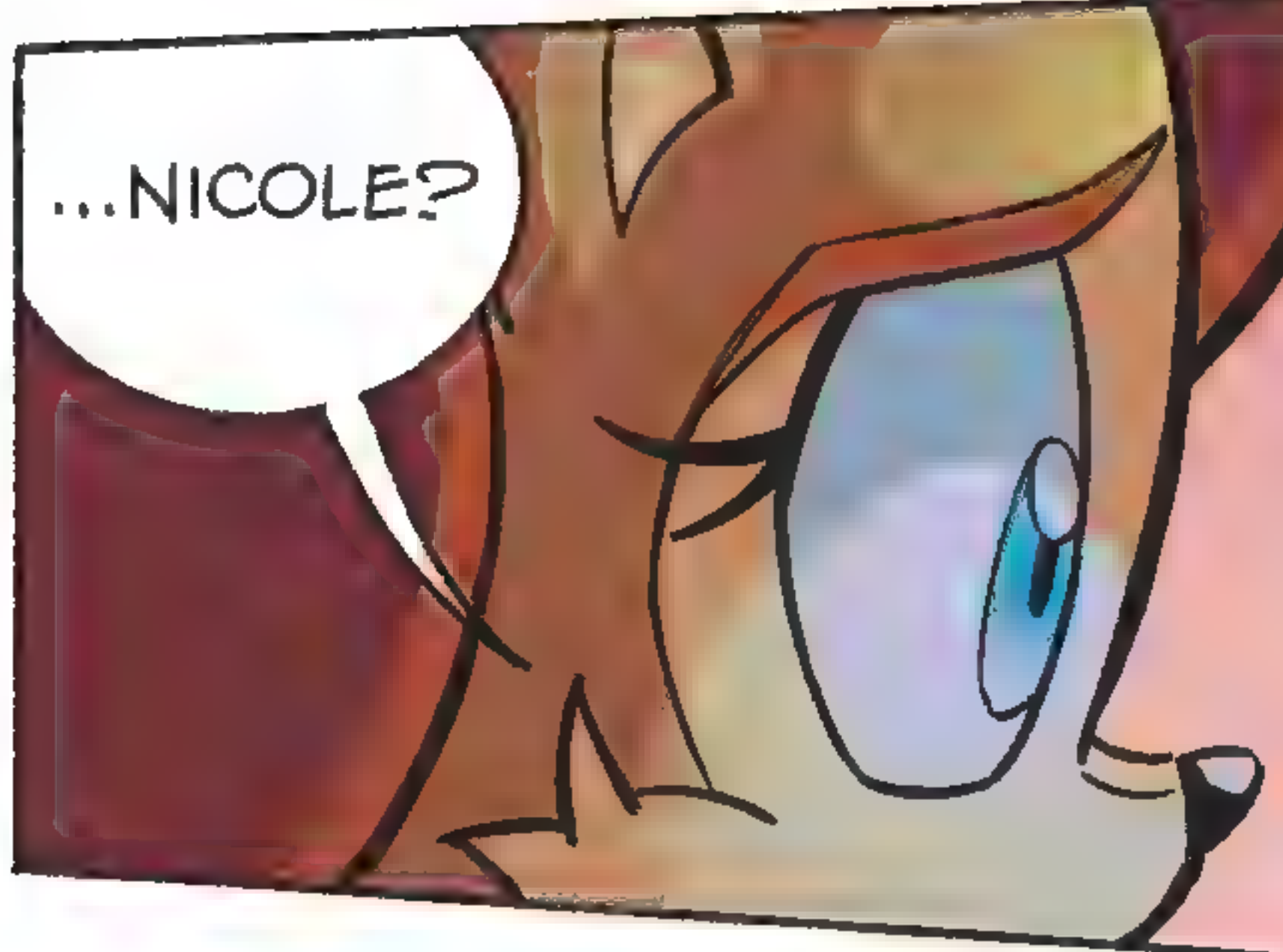
...HERE'S
HEDGEHOG
IN YOUR
EYE!

FVVVMP



GYAAAAH!

**EEYARGH!
I HATE THAT
HEDGEHOG!**



...NICOLE?

...WARNING,
CONNECTION
TO HOST LOST
...CONNECTION
...LOST...



SALLY?

NICOLE!

IT'S
GOOD TO
HAVE YOU
BACK.

I AM CURRENTLY
BUILDING GREATER
DEFENSES IN MY
CODING TO BLOCK
OUT THE IRON
QUEEN'S MAGIC...



NICOLE?

I HAVE ALREADY
DOWNLOADED LOGS
OF MY PREVIOUS
ACTIONS. I AM... FURIOUS?
MORTIFIED? EMOTIONS
ARE DIFFICULT TO
LABEL WHEN YOU
ACTUALLY
EXPERIENCE
THEM.

IT'S ALL
RIGHT. WE'RE
IN CONTROL OF
THE SITUATION
NOW.

NO. I'M
AFRAID
WE ARE
NOT.



I AM SAFE FROM THE IRON QUEEN NOW, BUT I AM...WEAK. MOST OF THE CITIZENS ARE IMPRISONED, THE IRON DOMINION IS WELL-STATIONED THROUGHOUT THE CITY, AND THEY STILL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF MORE FORCES IN THE DRAGON KINGDOM.

YOU'RE RIGHT. EVEN IF WE PUSHED THEM OUT TODAY, THEY COULD COME BACK WITH EVEN GREATER NUMBERS...AND ALL THE WISER.

THAT'S MY ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION, YES.

THEN WE'LL PULL THE SAME TRICK ON THEM. WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE CITY THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT NOW, AND WE CAN WEAKEN THEM FROM WITHIN.

...I SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING.

I'M SORRY TO ASK SO MUCH OF YOU.

I WILL ACT AS "IRON NICOLE" AND KEEP THINGS MANAGEABLE HERE...

...WHILE WE BREAK THE IRON DOMINION'S POWERBASE ABROAD.

BE SAFE. WE'LL BE BACK AS FAST AS WE CAN.

GOOD LUCK, SALLY.

UNAUTHORIZED
ACCESS DENIED.
PURGING.

WINK-

TAILS!
GET US
OUT OF
HERE!
TAILS?!

WHUD

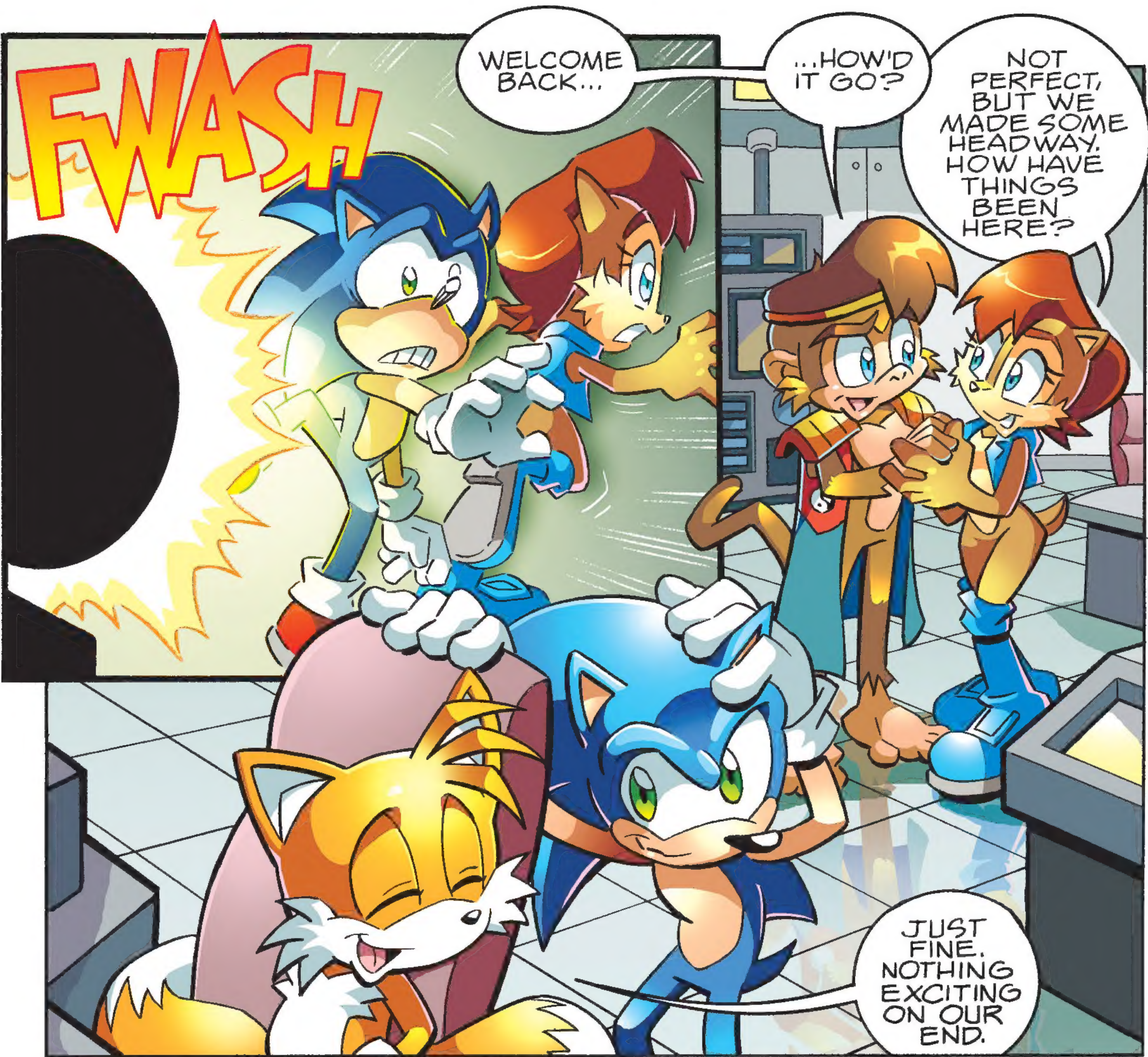
TAILS!!!
CAN HE
EVEN HEAR
US IN THIS
WORLD?

WHOA
...THE
WHOLE
CITY
IS DOING A
SPIN-DASH
AROUND
ME...

IRON
NICOLE
?

FWASH

THE INVADERS
HAVE BEEN
PURGED FROM
THE SYSTEM,
MY QUEEN. NEW
MOBOTROPOLIS
REMAINS FULLY
YOURS.



FWASH

WELCOME BACK...

...HOW'D IT GO?

NOT PERFECT, BUT WE MADE SOME HEADWAY. HOW HAVE THINGS BEEN HERE?

JUST FINE. NOTHING EXCITING ON OUR END.

GOOD TO HEAR. TAILS, SHUT EVERYTHING DOWN. THEN, EVERYONE PACK SOME SUPPLIES. WE'RE HEADING STRAIGHT TO THE DRAGON KINGDOM AND BREAKING THE IRON DOMINION'S SUPPORT LINES BEFORE RETAKING THE CITY.

AND...AND NICOLE?

ONE OF US AGAIN, SHE'S UNDERCOVER IN THE CITY.

GOOD.

THAT'S GOOD.

AND SO...

NEXT STOP--THE DRAGON KINGDOM!

WE HAVE TO SUCCEED IN OUR MISSION...

...OTHERWISE THE IRON DOMINION WILL HAVE WON.



FOUR HEROES TRAVEL TO A DISTANT LAND TO ATTEMPT THE IMPOSSIBLE! FOLLOW SONIC'S ADVENTURE IN SONIC UNIVERSE #13! NEXT ISSUE--WHAT REMAINS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS? IT'S AMY ROSE VS. THE IRON DOMINION!